

## Message Text

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TAGS: PDEV, PORG, SF, WA  
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: WALVIS BAY ISSUE

1. PRESS ACCOUNTS IN JULY 19 MORNING PAPERS QUOTE  
PRETORIA AND GOVERNMENT SOURCES A SAYING THAT THE RAISING OF  
WALVIS BAY IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL "PREJUDICE" SOUTH  
AFRICA'S POSITION ON THE ISSUE. AN ARTICLE IN THE CITIZEN,  
WHICH SOURCES "A SPOKESMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,"  
SAYS SOUTH AFRICA WILL ENTER ANI SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE  
ON WALVIS BAY FOR ITS OWN PROTECTION THE SPOKESMAN REPORTEDLY  
SAID: "THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF SPECULATION ABOUT A SECOND  
RSOLUTION ON WALVIS BAY. IF SUCH A RESOLUTION IS SUBMITTED  
AND THE WESTERN FIVE SUPPORT IT, WE WILL NEED TO BE REPRESENTED.  
SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO PREJUDICE OF  
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THE SOUTH AFRICAN POSITION ON WALVIS BAY BECAUSE WE  
HAVE ALWAYS MAINTINED THAT THIS IS COMPLETELY WITHIN OUR  
SOVEREIGNTY, THAT THIS IS MATTER WHICH CAN ONLY BE  
NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IN NAMIBIA.  
THE MERE INTRODUCTION OF SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD AMOUNT TO A  
UN OVERVIEW ON A TERRITORY IN WHICH A MEMBER COUNTRY HAS  
UNCHALLENGED SOVEREIGNTY." EDITORIALY, THE

CITIZEN ALSO COMMENTED ON THE WESTS POTENTIAL "DOUBLE-CROSS"  
ON WALVIS BAY (REPORTED SEPARATELY).

2. A REPORT ON JULY 19 DATELINED NEW YORK QUOTES SOUTH  
AFRICAN CHARGE EKSTEEN AS SAYING "WE DON'T SEE ANY NEED  
FOR WALVIS BAY TO BE MENTIONED IN ANY RESOLUTION... BECAUSE  
IT IS NOT PART OF THE PROPOSAL." THE SAG, HE  
REPORTEDLY SAID, WOULD NEGOTIATE WITH A "DULY ELECTED  
GOVERNMENT" ON WALVIS. IF THERE IS TO BE A SC RESOLUTION  
ON THE ISSUE, EKSTEEN SAID, THE FIVE POWERS SHOULD SHOW HIM  
THE TEXT IN ADVANCE AND "THEN WE CAN DECIDE WHAT IS  
GOING TO HAPPEN."  
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